

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are canceled. Claims 17-30 are pending and currently amended.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Applicant has amended FIGs. 3-5 to label the oblong slot (6). Replacement drawing sheets 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6 are attached and include FIG. 3, FIG. 4, and FIG. 5, respectively.

Objection to the Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the word “Figure 1” after the end of the paragraph should be deleted.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed “oblong slot (6)”. Applicant has amended paragraph [0034] to include the description of the oblong slot 6 as it is described in Claims 29-30. No new matter has been entered.

Applicant has also amended the specification to delete numerous instances of bracketed words that were inadvertently left in the specification at the time of filing. These bracketed words were not objected to by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the word “Figure 1” after the end of the paragraph should be deleted.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed “oblong slot (6)”. Applicant has amended paragraph [0034] to include the

description of the oblong slot 6 as it is described in Claims 29-30. No new matter has been entered.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended Claim 26 to correct the issue that the Examiner raised regarding the structural relationship of the stator plates.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Grundl et al (US Patent App. Pub. 2003/0111029 A1). Applicant has cancelled Claims 14-16 thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-30 are indicated as having allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended Claim 17 into independent form and believes that Claim 17 is in a condition for allowance. Claims 18-30 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 17 and are also believed to be in a condition for allowance for at least the same reason as Claim 17.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the claims as amended overcome the raised objections and rejections and are in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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